Consumers, ensure that the seepage loss is minimal are non polluting & cheaper compared to jute bags; HDPE/PP bags are not susceptible to adulteration; are suitable for packing powdery material in transit; minimal dehyradation. Their requests has been placed before the Standing Advisory Committee set up by the Govt. in terms of section 4(1) of the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987. The following reservation exists for commodities for compulsory packing in jute bags :-

Cement	50%
Foodgrains	100%
Sugar	100%
Fertilizer (Urea)	50%

Disinvestment of PSUs

1225. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether only profit making Public Sector Undertakings are being considered for the disinvestment by the recently constituted Disinvestment Commission;

(b) if so, the name of such PSUs alongwith the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Government plan to invest the revenue so obtained in sick PSUs to make them viable; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). The list of 40 PSUs referred to the Disinvestment Commission profit making as well as loss making units is enclosed as statement.

(c) and (d). A part of the revenue generated from disinvestment of PSU shares is to be earmarked to create an investment fund which will be used to strengthen other public sector enterprises.

STATEMENT

List of Enterprises Referred to Disinvestment Commission

S.No.	Name of PSE
1	2
1.	Air India
2.	Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.
3.	Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.
4.	Bharat Electronics Ltd.
5.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petro-chemicals Ltd.
6.	Container Corpn. of Inida Ltd.
7.	Engineers India Ltd.
8.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.
9.	Gas Authority of India Ltd.
10.	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
11.	Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
12.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.
13.	Hindustan Latex Ltd.
14.	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.
15.	Hotel Corporation of India Ltd.
16.	HTL Ltd.
17.	IBP Ltd.
18.	Indian Petro-chemicals Corpn. Ltd.
19.	ITI Ltd.
20.	India Tourism Development Corpn. Ltd.
21.	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.
22.	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.
23.	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
24.	Manganese Ore (India) Ltd.
25.	Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd.
26.	National Aluminium Co. Ltd.
27.	National Fertilizers Ltd.
28.	National Hydro Electric Power Coprn. Ltd.
29.	National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.
30.	Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.
31.	Northern Coalfields Ltd.
32.	Oil & Natural Gas Corpn. Ltd.
33.	Oil India Ltd.
34.	Pawan Hans Ltd.
35.	Power Grid Corpn. of India Ltd.
36.	Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd.
37.	Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.
38.	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.
39.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.
40.	Western Coalfields Ltd.

Pending Writ Petitions

1226. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Writ Petitions and other matters pending before the Supreme Court and each High Court as on October 31,1996;

(b) the number of cases before each High Court that are pending for more than five years; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure early disposal of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-Payment of dividends to Investors by LIC

1227. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about non-payment of dividends to the investors under the "LIC Mutual Fund Dhanasahayog Plan-B";

(b) if so, action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the interest of the investors in such other funds also?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Foreign Exchange Traders

1228. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign exchange traders in the country State-wise;

(b) whether all such traders have got licences from the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) There are 96 banks and other institutions holding fullfledged licences and 7 holding restricted licences. State-wise details are furnished in Statement enclosed.

(b) The banks/certain financial institutions are issued licences to deal in foreign exchange business by Reserve Bank of India.

(c) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

State-wise details of the Foreign Exchange Dealers

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Dealers
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Delhi	6
3.	Gujarat	2
4.	Haryana	1
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
6.	Karnataka	6
7.	Kerala	6
8.	Madhya Pradesh	2
9.	Maharashtra	61
10.	Rajasthan	1
11.	Tamil Nadu	10
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1
13.	West Bengal	5

[English]

Transport facilities to Wheat and Rice Exporters

1229. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the export of wheat and rice from the country has received severe setback recently because these commodities could not be transported to the ports for their timely shipment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have worked out the losses suffered by the country in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure the timely export of wheat and rice from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir. The exports of wheat and rice during the current year upto September, 1996 were as under:-

Commodity	Quantity (in MTs)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
Basmati Rice	249043	554.16
Non-Basmati Rice	1108766	1051.67
Wheat	1078653	668.99

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(b) to (e). Some of the steps taken to ensure timely exports of wheat and rice, inter-alia, include :-

(i) Priority being accorded by the railways to the exporters for wagon allocation.

(ii) Berthing policy at Kandla Port has been formulated so as to ensure timely shipment of export consignments of wheat and rice.